

Promote Mutual Understanding via Skype with Russian High School Students and Young Adults

VIRTUAL STUDENT FEDERAL SERVICE



Project Title	Promote Mutual Understanding via Skype with Russian High School Students and Young Adults
Project Summary	Interact via Skype sessions weekly or biweekly with students participating in Russia Access (an extracurricular program to teach English and leadership skills to disadvantaged teenagers) and Russia Advance (a program to teach English and entrepreneurship to disadvantaged young adults).
Country	Estonia
Country/Region of Focus	Russia

Project Description

The Virtual Intern would commit to prearranged Skype sessions weekly or biweekly to interact with Russian students in the Access and the Advance programs. The Access program provides English instruction and leadership-building activities to disadvantaged teens. The Advance program provides English lessons and entrepreneurship skills to underemployed 18-30 year olds. The Intern would be expected to interact for approximately 45 minutes to an hour with the approximately 14-20 students in each class. The goal is for the students, many of whom live in underserved areas of Russia, to have a chance to interact with an American. We will match interns with two Access and Advance sites, taking into account the time difference. Interns will work with the teachers in the Access and Advance programs to determine appropriate topics for discussion, based on what material the students are working with at the time of the Skype meetings. Topics could include popular culture or education.

Required Skills or Interests

Skill(s)

Cultural diplomacy

Additional Information

For more information, please email Kelli Odhuu at odhuuke@state.gov.

There are currently 45 active Access and Advance sites in Russia, each with 14-20 students.

Language Requirements

None